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Ms. Emma Best
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Dear Ms. Best:

This is the final response to your May 30th 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for documents related to the Wikileaks website or organization. This office received your request on June 12th 2019.

In responding to a FOIA request, the USCG/CG-6 will search for responsive documents in its control on the date the search began. We began our search on June 13th 2019.

We are granting your request under the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and DHS' implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. Chapter I and Part 5. After consulting with USCG Legal and as a matter of administrative discretion, I am releasing ALCOAST 571/10 ACCESSING PUBLICLY POSTED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. I determined that it is appropriate for public release. It is enclosed in its entirety; no deletions or exemptions have been claimed. No additional documents were discovered as there has been no change to the policy in that document, and none of the references in the enclosure refer to Wikileaks.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

This completes the U.S. Coast Guard response to your request. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison by emailing efoia@uscg.mil or calling (202) 475-3522.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Roppel".

James D. Roppel
Chief, Office of Information Management.

Enclosure: ALCOAST 571/10, one page

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SUBJ: ACCESSING PUBLICLY POSTED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION A. U. S. COAST GUARD INFORMATION ASSURANCE (IA) FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION SYSTEMS, COMDTINST 5500.13 (SERIES) B. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13526 DTD 29 DEC 2009 C. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, COMDTINST M5510.23 (SERIES)

1. THIS ALCOAST ESTABLISHES COAST GUARD (CG) POLICY FOR ACCESSING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PLACED ON PUBLIC WEB SITES AND SHALL BE ADDED TO FUTURE ITERATIONS OF REF A.
2. REF B PRESCRIBES A UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR CLASSIFYING, SAFEGUARDING, AND DECLASSIFYING NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION. PLACING CLASSIFIED OR OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON A PUBLIC WEB SITE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE DECLASSIFICATION OF THAT INFORMATION IAW REF B. IN THE EVENT A CG MEMBER INADVERTENTLY ACCESSES CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION FROM A PUBLIC WEB SITE OR OTHER UNAUTHORIZED SOURCES, THE MEMBER SHALL SAFEGUARD SUCH INFORMATION IAW REF B AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.
3. IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT WIKILEAK DISCLOSURE OF THOUSANDS OF CLASSIFIED OR OTHERWISE SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS, THE CG HAS BLOCKED ACCESS TO THE WIKILEAKS WEB SITE. HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN GOVERNMENT-ISSUED NON-STANDARD COMPUTERS AND PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT HAVE UNFILTERED INTERNET ACCESS.
4. ACCESSING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON A PUBLIC WEB SITE VIA GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
5. REF C PROVIDES POLICY ON PROPER HANDLING AND SAFEGUARDING OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND CAN BE FOUND ON THE DCSM-34 CGPORTAL PAGE
[HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/CG\(UNDERScore\)86/INFOSEC/TABID/54/DEFAULT](http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/cg(underscore)86/infosec/tabid/54/default.aspx)
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6. DCMS-34 REMINDS ALL CG PERSONNEL TO ENSURE THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ANNUAL MANDATED REFRESHER TRAINING ON INFORMATION SECURITY LOCATED ON THE CG TRAINING PORTAL.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, THE COMMANDANT (CG-651)
CONTACT IS MICHAEL W. MASSINO, 202-475-3637, MICHAEL.W.MASSINO
(AT SYMBOL) USCG.MIL.

8. RELEASED BY RDML ROBERT E. DAY, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (C4IT).

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